



## CRISPIN'S CHRONICLE - LANGUAGE

Words change their meaning by virtue of use, and many people are surprised to learn that at one time there was a common language in northern Europe which became English, German and the Scandinavian languages. It is also believed that one day those in England will not be able to understand the Americans, and vice versa. One example of a change of verbiage was the name of a great hospital in London. It was named St. Mary's of Bethlehem Hospital for the Insane. It was the custom to allow patients to sit out on verandas that were caged to prevent injury, and it became a source of amusement for the local populace to annoy the patients by throwing things at them and taunting them. The noise that was made by both the tormentors and the tormented was the result of this ugly game of the gamins of London. This noise was highly resented by those living and working nearby and they spoke of it as "that noise from St. Mary's, Bethlehem." Ultimately the name of Our Lady was omitted and the statement became "noisy Bethlehem," and eventually -- BEDLAM.

### LANGUAGE IN ROME

As Romans became wealthy, they often would have a bust carved to display in their homes. It seemed to serve as the sign of affluence and prestige. On occasion, a sculptor would make some small imperfection on the face of the bust, and would fill it with pure white wax called cera. When the heat of summer came and the wax melted, the imperfection would show and embarrass the owner of the bust. It then became the custom to insist on a contract that the bust would be carved and presented to the owner sine cera, or "without wax." This ultimately became the word for "true," and we now often sign our letters "sine -cerely," meaning "true," but literally "without wax."

As men of business prospered, they sought to have their sons enter a college which at first refused to accept them because they were not of noble birth. Later, when the colleges relented, the sons of the wealthy were entered and after their names would follow the words sine nobilitati. When there were more of the sons of the wealthy than those of the nobility, the college registrars resorted to abbreviation and the following method was employed: Quintus Maximus--S. Nob. We use the word now-a-days as "snob," meaning a pretender.

It has often been said that the term "flying under false colors," was applied to the pirates of old. Actually the term predates that kind of piracy by many years. Just as in the example above, the sons of many businessmen were anxious to travel in the best circles and affected some of the artifacts and dress of the nobility. One custom of the noble was to have the family device at the end of his stola in bright colors. The newly rich faked a bit and had

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colored devices sewn to the end of their stolae. As they hurried through the city, the ends of their stolae would fly after them. If people knew that they were not of the nobility, they might surely say, "they are flying under false colors!"

*Br. Crispin is a fictitious monk of a fabulous monastery, who from time to time submits articles of a whimsical nature.*

## **THAT "OLD-TIME RELIGION" -It's good enough for us!**

Old-time religion had a missionary emphasis -

a) Christianity is not a church, it is a movement, and if we do not keep it moving forward it is going to move backward. The kind of teaching Christ gave us will never stand still in any community. The fact is that the Church does not exist to keep a gospel; it exists to give a gospel.

b) What a chance for a Church of God to proclaim its Christ! Here is a world that is awakening to the fact that might and power are not enough; that there is such a thing as a soul. It is a world where things and people are unhappy and broken down inside. The old-time religionists had a way of placing emphasis on their confession of faith. They said what they believed -- and -- they believed what they said. What a thrill it would have been to hear Paul say, "I know whom I have believed," or "For me to live in Christ!"

I wonder if this is not a great part of our trouble: our faith is punctuated by question-marks while the old-timers had theirs punctuated with exclamation marks!

--Richard Thomas, BSG Superior

## **APPEAL FOR MISSION**

Many thanks to those of you who have so generously responded to our Appeals in the past. As the Order grows, so does its need for assistance from the community of friends and supporters. We ask your continued help in our work of service to the needs of the Church.

Your contribution, which may be sent to us in the envelope supplied, will assist us in carrying out our varied missions of teaching, service and prayer.

May God bless and keep you, always.

*The Superior cordially invites you to attend  
the Annual General Chapter Eucharist, Administration of  
Rites, and Reception, at 5:00 PM on Sunday, September 12, 1982,  
Saint Bartholomew's Church, White Plains, New York.*

*Clergy and Religious are invited to process.*

*Clergy: White Stoles. If planning to attend, R.S.V.P. 914-949-5577*



## SEPTEMBER INTERCESSIONS

### for the ill:

Mildred Ryan

Elizabeth Margot

Stephen Storen, Sr.

The Rev' d Noel N. Sokoloff

Martin McGarry

Michael Spille

Binh Vu

The Most Rev' d George T. Koerner

### For the departed:

Kitty Heyman

Kenneth Cox, TSF

Mrs. Stuart McIntyre

### For the Brotherhood of Saint Gregory as it holds its General Chapter (September 10 - 13):

The Rt. Rev'd Paul Moore, Jr. , Visitor

Br. Richard Thomas, Superior

Br. James, Assistant Superior

and all the Friends and Companions of the Brotherhood.

### For other Religious Orders:

The Sacramentine Nuns

The Order of the Holy Cross

The Community of Christian Family Ministry

The Visitation Nuns

The Community of Celebration  
(Fisherfolk)

### Special Intentions:

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk England Donald Ray Drummonds

Scott Lee Jacobson

Jim Sayers

Frank

Lynn-Philip Francis Leon Book

Martin, SCK

The General Convention of the Episcopal Church

### Thanksgiving for:

The Anniversary of the Life Profession of Br. Richard Thomas, and the founding of the Brotherhood of Saint Gregory (14)

The Birthdays of Brs. Stephen and Brendan (20), and Tobias Stanislas (30)

The Admission to the Postulancy of the Brotherhood of Brs. Charles (Kramer) and Peter (Skye);

may the Lord grant them perseverance to do his will.

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John

Michael

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Christian

Matthew Joseph

Jason Jude

Kevin James

Luke Anthony

Anthony Francis

John Peter

William Francis

Stephen

Andrew

Thomas Joseph

Tobias Stanislas

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